

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-17, 20-29, 32-38, 40-42 and 44-47 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 11-18, 22-30, 34-38, 41-42 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams (U.S. Pat. No. 6,557,680). In view of the claim amendments, this § 102(e) rejection has been addressed and is now considered to be moot.

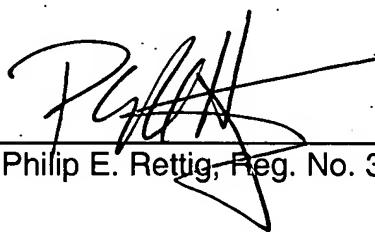
NEW CLAIMS

The Applicants have presented new Claims 46 and 47 for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants believe that the new claims are allowable over the Williams '680 patent and all other prior art currently of record.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Advisory Action and Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1240.

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